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G.O. No. 3080

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[Despatch Abstract.]

GREEN MANURE FOOD : NEW WELLS SUBSIDY SCHEME : 1947-48 . PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1948 : BOARD'S REVIEW : RECORDED.

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

Subject

GROW MORE FOOD - New Well Subsidy Scheme - 1947-48 - Progress Report for the month of September 1948 - Reviewed.

B.P. Rt. 7253 dated the 2nd November 1948.

From

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Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

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Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise and Prohibition.

READ - Reports from the Collectors.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government its review on the working of the New Well Subsidy Scheme 1947-48 during the month of September 48.

2. The reports were due to the Board on 10th October 1948. Only the Collector of Ramnad submitted the report in time. The Collectors of Anantapur, West Godavari and Krishna have not yet submitted their reports. The figures furnished by them for August 1948 have been adopted for the purpose of the Board's review for September 1948. The Collector of Krishna did not submit even the report for August 1948. The report for July 1948 has therefore been adopted in the Board's review for August and September 1948. The Collector is requested to submit the explanations of the officers responsible for neglect in this important matter. The delay in the submission of the reports from the other Collectors ranged from 2 to 15 days. This is very unsatisfactory. The Board considers that if the Collectors pay their personal attention to the matter, the punctual submission of the monthly reports might be ensured and reports can also be made to serve a more useful purpose than belated reports. Collectors are requested to issue special instructions to their subordinates that their reports should be submitted without delay hereafter.

3. Even the reports submitted by the other Collectors have not been prepared carefully. Full instructions are issued separately for the preparation of correct returns in Board's previous reviews. Collectors are requested to see that necessary instructions are issued in turn to their subordinates so as to enable them to submit correct reports for the next month.

4. The following table will show at a glance the progress made upto to September 1948 under this statement:

	No. of wells subsidised	No. of wells completed. In the month	No. of wells completed. Upto the month	No. of wells in progress.	No. of wells not yet started.	No. of wells in which recovery made or ordered.
	1	2(a)	2(b)	3	4	5
Wells	46532	2753	6526	30826	8217	963
New Tanks	105	14	27	78	-	-
Old Tanks	156	16	42	114	-	-

	Additional area brought under irrigation (Acres)	Additional quantity of food grains produced (Tons.)
	6	7
Wells	4771.18	1539.68
New Tanks	18	13
Old Tanks	6	7.50

The time allowed for the completion of the wells subsidised under the Scheme expired by the end of the month under review. The reports show that only about 14 per cent of the wells subsidised

have been completed so far. The number of wells not yet started is very large. The circumstances in which long delays have been allowed to occur are not clear. This is probably due to the failure of the speicial staff and the regular Revenue officials to inspect the wells works and to press the grantees to expedite the construction of wells.

TheGovernment have been addressed for the grant of further time for the completion of these wells. The Special Deputy Collectors for wells are requested to pay in the meanwhile their special attention to this matter and take adequate steps to see that as many well works as possible are taken up at once and pushed through quickly.

The progress made in the construction of new and old tanks in the Malabar and South Kanara is also not satisfactory. Out of 261 new and old tanks for which subsidies were paid, only 69 have been completed upto the month under review. The Board observed that the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food grains produced are not up to expectations. The Board hopes that the subsidies were paid only in cases where each well was expected to irrigate one acre and each tank ten acres and that the expected increase in the production of food grains will be realised when all the subsidised wells are completed and brought into operation.

Sd/. for Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with statements.
To the Collectors of all Districts, except Madras.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, with extract of the statements for the districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract
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GROW MORE FOOD : New Wells Subsidy Scheme - 1947-48 - Progress Report for the Month of September 1948 - Board's Reveiw - R e c o r d e d.

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Revenue Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 3080. Dated, the 28th December 1948
READ - the following:

From the Board of Revenue, Rt. No. 7253 dated the 2nd November 1948.

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ORDER:

R e c o r d e d.

2. The attention of the Board of Revenue is invited to paragraph 2 of its proceedings read above wherein the Collector of Krishna has been asked to submit the explanation of the officers responsible for the non-submission of the reports for August and September 1948. The Board is requested to take suitable action against the persons responsible for the neglect in this matter.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

V.K. RAO
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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